

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 11, 1846.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PEARCE made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Caroline E. Sanders, report :*

The petitioner states that she is the widow and legatee of Wm. G. Sanders, who, in 1836, volunteered at the head of a company of friendly Indians, and was "*accepted in the service*" of the United States by General Gaines, at Tampa Bay. That he served from the 12th February to the 9th of March, 1836 ; that on the 28th February he was wounded in the chest by a rifle ball ; that he suffered severely from time to time from the effect of said wound, which finally occasioned his death in 1845. During his life Captain Sanders applied to the Commissioner of Pensions, but was refused a pension on the ground that the invalid pension laws do not extend to the cases of the friendly Indians, nor to those who commanded them. The petitioner prays that the pension to which her husband was equitably entitled may be given to her.

The act of 1836, chapter 434, provides invalid pensions, and pensions to the widows of volunteers and militia *regularly* called into service for the suppression of Indian depredations in Florida, and declares such volunteers and militia only to be provided for as were ordered into service by the commanding General or Governors of States and of the Territory of Florida *under authority from the War Department*.

This act seems to have been *intended* to exclude the cases of volunteers irregularly called into service, such as Capt. Sanders and his friendly Indians. Besides, the proofs in this case are deficient, inasmuch as they do not show that the petitioner is the widow of Capt. Sanders, that his death was occasioned by his wound, or that he was disabled, or in what degree disabled, thereby.

The committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

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Mr. PARSONS made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Captain  
D. Sanders, report:

The petitioner states that she is the widow and legatee of William Sanders, who died in 1838, volunteered at the head of a company of friendly Indians, and was accepted in the service of the United States by General Taylor at Tropic Bay. That he served from the 13th February to the 10th March, 1838; that on the 28th February he was wounded in the head by a rifle ball; that he suffered severely from time to time from the effects of said wound, which finally occasioned his death in 1845. That his wife's petition for a pension was applied to the Commissioner of Pensions, and was refused on the ground that the invalid pension laws do not extend to the cases of the friendly Indians, nor to those who accompanied them. The petitioner prays that the pension to which her husband was equitably entitled may be given to her.

The act of 1830, chapter 134, provides invalid pensions, and pensions to the widows of volunteers and militia regularly called into service for the suppression of Indian depredations in Florida, and declares that volunteers and militia only to be provided for as were ordered into service by the commanding General or Governors of States and of the Territory of Florida under authority from the War Department.

This act seems to have been intended to exclude the cases of volunteers regularly called into service, such as Capt. Sanders and his friendly Indians. Besides, the proofs in this case are deficient inasmuch as they do not show that the petitioner is the widow of Capt. Sanders, that his death was occasioned by his wound, or that he was disabled, or in what degree disabled, thereby.

The committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Witness my hand and the seal of this court.